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INE 75th anniversary
Royal Audience

King Felipe VI receives the INE in Audience on the occasion of the commemoration of its 75th anniversary

His Majesty, King Felipe VI, has received a delegation from the National Institute of Statistics (INE) at the Palacio de la Zarzuela today on the occasion of the commemoration of its 75th anniversary. The president of the INE, Juan Manuel Rodríguez Póo, has led this delegation accompanied by the members of the Governing Board of the INE.

Rodríguez Póo has remarked to His Majesty that the origin of statistics is closely linked to the State and that this link remains. "Official statistics fulfil the important mission of providing society with data of the highest quality, independently, which help to support decision-making, and represent an element of great importance in a democratic society."

The president of the INE has emphasized the task of the Institute as the main producer of statistical data in our country, as well as the important role it plays in the international statistical system. He has also pointed out the institution's adaptation to incorporate emerging data sources into the statistical production process. An adaptation that has become more necessary during the pandemic, which "has required having more timely information and measuring new phenomena." The INE "has responded quickly and professionally" to these circumstances, according to Rodríguez Póo.

The Royal Court has also been attended by the winner of the first National Statistics Prize, Daniel Peña Sánchez de Rivera, emeritus professor of Statistics at the Carlos III University and creator of new statistical methods with applications in economics, history, medicine and environment.

After remarking that the National Statistics Award recognizes and strengthens the INE's collaboration with the scientific community, Rodríguez Póo has thanked His Majesty for his availability at the commemorative events of the 75th anniversary of the INE.

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